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VIA E-FILE

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
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Re: **Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Section 529 Investigation into the Acquisition of Wonderview Water Company, Inc. and Wonderview Sanitary Facilities, Inc.; Docket No. M-2025-3053936**

INITIAL STATUS REPORT OF RECEIVER VEOLIA WATER PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

Dear Secretary Homsher:

In accordance with Appendix A, Paragraph 1.o. of the *Ex Parte* Emergency Order entered March 14, 2025 in the above-referenced matter, enclosed for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is the initial status report of Receiver Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. A copy of this document has been served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please direct them to me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

COZEN O'CONNOR

By: David P. Zambito

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Enclosures

cc: Administrative Law Judge John M. Coogan
Per Certificate of Service
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Wonderview Water, Inc. and : Docket No. M-2025-3053936
Wonderview Sanitary Facilities, Inc. :

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 21st day of May, 2025 served a true copy of the foregoing **Initial Status Report of Receiver Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc.** upon the parties listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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INITIAL STATUS REPORT TO
THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY
COMMISSION OF THE
WONDERVIEW WATER CO. AND WONDERVIEW SANITARY
FACILITIES INC.

DATED May 21, 2025

BY VEOLIA WATER PENNSYLVANIA, AS RECEIVER

DOCKET NO. M-2025-3053936



BACKGROUND

On March 14, 2025, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) issued an Emergency Order at Docket No. M-2025-3053936, wherein it was directed that Veolia Water Pennsylvania (VWPA) act as receiver for Wonderview Water Co. (WWC) and Wonderview Sanitary Facilities Inc. (WSF), beginning on March 21, 2025 and an investigation be instituted into whether the Commission should order a capable public utility to acquire WWC and WSF pursuant to Section 529 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code.

VWPA has operated WWC and WSF since March 21, 2025. VWPA used the available customer data provided to contact the customers of WWC and WSF by email/text/phone via the Notify System and by letter via the USPS. The content of these messages alerted the customers to the change in operator, the next steps related to billing, and how to contact VWPA with questions or in the event of an emergency.

INITIAL STATUS REPORT

Customer Notifications

1. Public notifications issued

VWPA issued a Tier II notice on behalf of WWC on April 24, 2025. This notification is a PADEP requirement in a Consent Order issued January 2024 and is to be issued every 3 months until all conditions listed in the Consent Order are corrected. This Consent Order requires WWC to install meters at wells 2, 3, & 4 for the purpose of measuring and limiting water withdrawal to permitted levels, install a meter at the system entry point to verify the permitted instantaneous max flow into the system is adhered to, install well 3 well head protection, and install well 3 level sensing.

Operations

1. Daily operational activities

VWPA has operated WWC and WSF since March 21, 2025. Staff from VWPA visit these locations daily. Chlorine residuals are monitored, chemicals maintained, and daily required DEP testing is conducted. A sampling schedule has been created by VWPA Water Quality to meet PADEP permit compliance requirements and required monthly reports are being filed. VWPA has integrated WWC and WSF system assets



into the VWPA GIS mapping system and continues to update these maps with real time data from the field. VWPA Non Revenue Water (NRW) personnel have swept the system to identify existing leaks. These leaks are being repaired by VWPA T&D personnel or contractors.

2. Assessment of customer base and connection status

VWPA has integrated all 162 WWC and 161 WSF customers into its customer management and billing systems. Each customer has received their first bill and several communications from VWPA providing customer service contact information.

System Improvements

Initial Improvements (0-2 Months)

1. Safety improvements

Since VWPA began operation of WWC and WSF, it has either repaired, replaced, or installed the following:

Wonderview Water Co.

- Improved access to confined space at Treatment Plant, replaced home built access point with an OSHA compliant access point.
- Installed secondary containment for chemicals stored at the plant.
- Installed eyewash station at chemical storage location.
- Installed Public Water Supply Security Signage.

Wonderview Sanitary Facilities Inc.

- Installed splash guarding at the bar screen.
- Installed machine guarding on rotating equipment.
- Added stone to improve driveway access.
- Installed safety railing around plant tanks to prevent accidental entry.
- Installed eyewash station in the plant.

2. Infrastructure upgrades

Since VWPA began operation of WWC and WSF it has either repaired, replaced, or installed the following:



Wonderview Water Co.

- Replaced the failing electrical service entrance.
- Repaired all open air splices and secured all exposed electrical connections within NEC approved electrical boxes.
- Installed well metering at wells 2, 3, & 4, allowing for compliance with DEP permit conditions for max gal/min flows and the DEP Consent Order of Jan 2024.
- Replaced plant flow meter.
- Replaced plant contact time tanks.
- Installed system sample hydrants.
- Repaired several main / curb valve leaks.

Wonderview Sanitary Facilities Inc.

- Replaced electrical service entrance.
- Repaired open air splices and secured all exposed electrical connections with NEC approved electrical boxes.
- Calibrated flow meter.
- Repaired several leaks, including replacing a 30 ft span of PVC sewer lateral.

Medium Term System Improvements (3-12 Months)

The following projects are currently in the planning stages and VWPA intends to implement them over the next year. Many of these projects will require input and permitting from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection prior to their execution.

1. Safety improvements

Wonderview Water Co.

- Improvements to plant access road, installation of guide rail and addition of stone to the roadway.
- Removal of debris and general cleanup of tripping hazards.

Wonderview Sanitary Facilities Inc.

- Removal of tripping hazards, uneven ground within the plant.



2. Infrastructure upgrades

Wonderview Water Co.

- Installation of contact piping, installation of flow meter, and online chlorine analyzer.
- Movement of system entry point to this meter, allowing full tank use and compliance with DEP Operating permit / Consent Order.
- Addition of second chlorine injection pump.
- Installation of Well 3 level sensor and well head protection, allowing compliance with DEP Consent Order.
- Replacement of all chemical pumps.
- General building improvements.
- Examine feasibility of temporary treatment to bridge the gap between existing and new construction.

Wonderview Sanitary Facilities Inc.

- General cleanup and disposal of improperly stored PVC materials, exposure to sunlight has caused degradation and made much of the stock unusable.
- General building improvements.
- Jetting, Camera, and GPSing of the collection system to assess and create accurate mapping.
- Utilize footage as a basis for replacement decisions and to target repairs for I&I reduction efforts.

Long Term System Improvements (1-10 Years)

The following improvements are strongly recommended to be completed by the permanent owner of the WWC and WSF. These improvements are expected to deliver O&M cost savings in addition to increasing service quality and reliability.

1. Safety improvements

Wonderview Water Co.

- Improvements to plant access road, correcting road access angle from Mainville Drive.

2. Infrastructure upgrades

Wonderview Water Co.



- Replacement of Water Treatment Plant.
- Replacement of Water Storage Tank.
- Installation of SCADA for remote monitoring and process control.
- Network Replacement (approx. 12,000 ft) with relocation from customer properties to road ROW.
- Acquire land that wells 2 & 4 are on, as they are not currently on land owned by WWC.
- Service replacement with meter move out from in home to yard pits, addition of meter reading automation.

Wonderview Sanitary Facilities Inc.

- Acquire adjacent property to the current Treatment Plant.
- Treatment plant replacement.
- Collection system replacement (approx. 12,000 ft), pending review via camera previously mentioned.
- Scada installation for remote monitoring and treatment control.

Finance

VWPA has established deferred accounts for Labor, OPEX, and CAPEX expenses being incurred by the operation of the WWC and WSF systems. Customers are being billed on the same cycle as before receivership began, with the meters being read on or about the 21st of each month, and to date we have completed one successful billing cycle.

VWPA continues to work with the original owner on the transfer of all documents, the retention of all WWC and WSF assets, and financial information. In some instances,

information is incomplete or may not exist.

CONCLUSION

VWPA will continue to operate Wonderview Water Co. and Wonderview Sanitary Facilities Inc. as receiver during the pendency of the 529 Proceeding and participate in purchase discussions with the owner of WWC and WSF to amicably resolve the matter and avoid costly and prolonged litigation. VWPA will provide quarterly status reports, as directed by the Commission, in the Emergency Order dated March 14, 2025, Docket No. M-2025-3053936.